



Restoration Advisory Board Community Relations Subcommittee

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Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting

August 13, 1996

Time:

3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Daryle Fontenot, Susan Floyd, Louis Mintz, Wannetta Mallette, Diane Cutler

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Goodbye Susan Susan Floyd is resigning from the RAB (and subsequently the Community Relations Subcommittee) after 27 months of volunteer service.

Focus Daryle Fontenot and Don Harbert will be interviewed for the Channel 2 TV talk show, Focus, on August 26, 1996. The show will air on Sunday, September 1, 1996 at 6:30 in the morning. The appearance was originally scheduled with the talk show Perspective which would also have aired in the evening, however, an affiliate change took place changing some of the specifications. The contaminant posters will be printed in time for the appearance. Lou Mintz suggested that the posters be created with a grey background rather than white so the cameras don't pick up too much contrast. Daryle will bring a blank tape to the session so that he can have a copy of the interview. The taped copy may be useful to bring to RAB meetings or other outreach activities that the RAB may sponsor, however, permission may be needed from the TV station to show the tape for anything other than personal viewing.

September RAB Meeting Discussed the location of the September RAB meeting which is scheduled for North Charleston. Dorchester Road Regional Library and North Charleston City Hall were recommended. Wannetta Mallette will look into scheduling room 515 at City Hall. Diane Cutler announced that she will not be able to attend, or send a replacement to, the September RAB or subcommittee meetings. As a result, an alternate will need to be found to take meeting minutes. Daryle asked Diane to check with Pete McPheter, E/A&H, to see if he would be available to record and take minutes at the meeting.

Contaminant Posters Diane passed out copies of the posters with the latest revisions. The subcommittee concurred that there were no additional changes and that the posters should be printed, laminated, mounted on foam core and shipped to Charleston in time for the August 26th taping of Focus. Diane will talk with the coordinator at Focus to determine format and color issues for the taping.

Fact Sheets The subcommittee discussed which fact sheet to produce next. Topics from a previous meeting included: RAB Speaker's Bureau; Reintroduce the New RAB; Property Transfer: and 10 Most Commonly Asked Questions. Lou Mintz added a new topic, RAB Goals.

The topic of a speaker's bureau was discussed at length. Rather than a fact sheet, a flyer should be produced offering the availability of RAB members to speak at community and other civic meetings. Two issues must be addressed before proceeding with the flyer: securing a commitment from RAB members, and preparing a script and visual material. Daryle will ask the RAB membership for their commitment at the RAB meeting. If there is no opposition by the RAB, Diane will begin to update the existing script and visual material.

No decision was made on the next fact sheet to produce.

IMPROMTU DISCUSSION ITEMS

An impromtu discussion covered the following issues:

Chicora Tank Farm Wannetta believes that the tank farm should be restored to its original terrain. Lou's concern regarding the tank farm is that the tanks themselves are not clean. Susan added that she believes the regulators are looking out for the community's best interest and are telling the truth about the condition of the tanks.

Community Input Wannetta expressed frustration with the RAB decision-making process. Although she understands that the community is not a decision making body, they are an advisory body, and to date, none of their recommendations have been taken by the Navy. Susan feels that the Navy only established the RAB because they had to, not necessarily because they have the community's best interests in mind.

Trust The general consensus of the group is that they have a low level of trust for the Navy. The Navy only tells them what they need to know, and keeps information from them such as the U.S. Geological Survey Groundwater Model. When asked direct questions, certain Navy representatives are defensive or evasive, and at times, condescending. The level of trust has not increased after being on the RAB for over 2 years.

Susan Floyd added for the record that Daryle has been a noteable exception; that he answers the RAB's questions directly and honestly, and has been diplomatic and effective in running the Community Relations Subcommittee and RAB meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

September RAB Meeting Wannetta will check the availability of North Charleston City Hall for the September RAB meeting. Diane will check Peter McPheter's availability to take minutes.

Contaminant Posters Diane will have posters printed, laminated, and mounted on foam core for the August 26th taping of Focus and will check with the Focus coordinator on specifications for the posters for filming.

Speaker's Bureau Diane will work on updating the existing script and visuals for the RAB Speaker's Bureau.

NEXT MEETING

Subcommittee Meeting There will not be a subcommittee meeting held in September. The subcommittee will reconvene on October 8th.